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The proposed settlement of the Microsoft affair shocks me. Why would we punish MS by rewarding them? Allowing them to donate Windows computers to schools would only further entrench their monopoly. How is that a punishment? The billion dollars would be peanuts to them anyway. And our school children would be severely disadvantaged by such an arrangement.

The solution I thought of that would both punish MS and help society would be for MS to donate ten MACINTOSH computers to every public (and private) school every year for five years. I recommend this as the remedy. Students and teachers would benefit immensely.

Please remember, the goal is to reduce MS' monopoly position, not reinforce it.

Thank you for your work on this important issue.

Sincerely,
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